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Dear June,

As you will know, General Shazly's case went before the National Security Court on 20 June. It was hopefully expected that this court would order his release. However, this has not happened and the court has ruled that it is not competent to deal with this matter, although the previous court had stated that it was the right authority. The only step now remaining is to go to the highest court in Egypt and the lawyers will now work on this.

One other piece of information is that the authorities seem to have stripped General Shazly of his Star of Sinai, a high honour for bravery awarded him for the 1973 October war. With this went a pension for life which could be inherited by his heirs. Our information is (from General Shazly's daughter) that a recent 'pay slip' shows much less than usual and she thinks the explanation for that is that the honour has been rescinded.

During the last court hearing General Shazly suffered an asthma attack and he is still unwell.

We will keep you informed on any developments.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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